

REMARKS

Claims 1-23, 32-42, and 44-52 were pending as of the action mailed on July 26, 2011. Claims 1, 20, 23, 32, 37-39, 42, 44, 47-49, and 52 are in independent form. This amendment is being filed after a notice of appeal but prior to the submission of the appeal brief.

The examiner rejected claims 38 and 48 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In particular, the examiner stated that the limitations "the sort directions" and "the sort key directions" lacked antecedent basis. The applicant has amended claims 38 and 48 to correct minor typographical errors. The applicant submits that the amended claims satisfy the requirements of section 112, and requests admission of the amendments.

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Respectfully submitted,

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